

●●● A SWINGIN' GOOD TIME

Hardwork and friendship proves the key to success

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Go Figure

2

games played
against Loveland

12

shots needed to
be hit in order to
win a set

4

upperclassmen
playing

6

games won

Perseverance always pays off in the end, and with hard work the girls pulled off another great season.

"We were down for a while, and then we were able to come back and win five matches in a row," said **Kristy Barngrover, 11**.

The strength of the girls was no doubt attributed to their hard work off the court. They spent an endless number of practices doing sprints up and down the courts to prepare for matches.

"[Sean's running] really helped a lot because it got us in better shape and helped us sprint for balls," said **Courtney Harmon, 10**.

The girls not only gained strength from running off the court, but from each other as well. They threw pasta parties in order to become better friends and teammates.

"The pasta party really helped us because we gave each other presents and it helped us get to know each other well," said **Niharika Baravkar, 9**.

As if running and teamwork was not enough motivation, when the team was having a difficult time winning matches, their coach offered up his version of encouragement. **Coach Sean Barone** promised the girls if they won four matches in a row then they would be allowed to shave his head.

"[The incentive was great because] it made everyone more devoted to winning the matches" said **Sayuri Kogami, 12**.

The team worked well together and proved that hard work always pays off in the end and a little incentive can go a long way.



One and two, the girls working on getting their arms in shape. The team had conditioning every morning to prepare for the rigorous season. Hard work payed off for the team as they had a 6-4 record.

Sports Awards



The girls at sports awards. Sports awards are the final chance for teams to get together one last time. It was a fabulous occasion, as tennis players reminisced with the friends made on the team. Ending with a winning season always makes the memories fun, and these girls had a blast.

Smiling big! Kristy Barngrover, 12, and Megan Ellingwood, 11, congratulated Sayuri Kogami, 12, on her award. Barngrover also took home the award for the most spirited.



Talking up a storm. Niharika Baravkar, 9, and Megan Ellingwood, 11, discussed their favorite moments of the season. They enjoyed the short program put on by the school. Later, they also got to enjoy wonderful cake and punch.

